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SUBJ: TRANSKEI TAKE OVER OF POLICE FUNCTIONS ACCELERATES

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1. REPORT FROM USUALLY WELL INFORMED NATAL MERCURY CORRESPONDENT IN UMTATA APRIL 17 QUOTED "WELL-PLACED" S.A. POLICE (SAP) AND TRANSKEI GOVT SOURCES TO EFFECT ALL BRANCHES SAP--INCLUDING SECURITY BRANCH--WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM TRANSKEI IN THREE YEARS AND POSSIBLY BY OCTOBER 1976. THEIR DUTIES ALLEGEDLY WOULD BE ASSUMED BY TRANSKEI POLICE FORCE RESPONSIBLE ONLY TO TRANSKEI MINISTER OF JUSTICE. TODAY SA COMMISSIONER OF POLICE DENIED THERE WAS ANY FIXED TIMETABLE FOR HAND-OVER POLICE TO TRANSKEI GOVT, ALTHOUGH AGREEING TRAINING OF TRANSKEI POLICE FORCE GOING EXTREMELY WELL.

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2. ACCORDING UMTATA REPORT, TRANSKEI MIN JUSTICE SCHEDULED

TAKE OVER 41 OF HOMELAND'S 44 POLICE DISTRICTS AT ONE TIME UNDER CONTROL SAP, INCLUDING CONTROVERSIAL ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT. MATATIELE, KOKSTAD AND CEDARVILLE DISTRICTS--ALL FALLING WITHIN WHITE DESIGNATED AREAS--WILL REMAIN UNDER SAP JURISDICTION. AS OF 31 DEC 1973, TRANSKEI GOVT. CONTROLLED ONLY FIVE OF HOMELAND'S 44 POLICE DISTRICTS; 1 APRIL 1974 ADDITIONAL SIX DISTRICTS WERE TURNED OVER, LEAVING 30 MORE TO BE TRANSFERRED BEFORE OCT 1976.

3. AS FURTHER INDICATION HIGH PRIORITY NOW BEING GIVEN TO AFRICANIZATION TRANSKEIAN GOVERNMENT SERVICES, TABANKULU RECENTLY BECAME EIGHTH TRANSKEIAN MUNICIPALITY TO BE HANDED OVER TO A BLACK LOCAL COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN TRANSKEIAN TOWNSHIPS BOARD COMMENTED THAT CONSIDERING STRONG MOVEMENT TOWARD INDEPENDENCE AT HIGHER LEVELS AT GOVERNMENT, "LOWER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT LAG BEHIND".

4. COMMENT: MOVE TO AFRICANIZE RAPIDLY ALL LEVELS OF TRANSKEIAN GOVT FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT INDEPENDENCE ON THE WAY. MANY OBSERVERS INSIST PARMOUNT CHIEF KAISER MATANZIMA WILL BE PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST INDEPENDENT HOMELAND WITHIN NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS.
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